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## PRESS RELEASE

### North Shore Park Celebrates Diversity

**Miami Beach, FL** – Children from the City's Parks & Recreation Department programs reminded adults and kids alike that differences in color and culture strengthen and enrich our society as the youngsters celebrated "Black History Awareness Night" on Friday, February 24, 2006 at the North Shore Park Youth Center. The kids performed skits and danced to honor African-Americans past and present whose careers and personalities contribute to the American experience. The audience of more than 250 also enjoyed authentic African-American cuisine served by the North Shore Teen Club.

Children from North Shore Park, Flamingo Park, and Scott Rakow Youth Centers performed to music by popular African-American music artists such as Destiny's Child, the Marvellette's, Michael Jackson, and others. North Shore Park Youth Center's primer boys group, which consists of kindergarten to third-graders, performed characterizations of prominent African American athletes such as Michael Jordan, Jackie Robinson, and Muhammed Ali, and famous people in history such as George Washington Carver, and General Colin Powell.

North Shore Park's junior boys and girls group re-enacted the historic event of Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat on an Alabama bus, an event that helped spark the Civil Rights movement in 1955. North Shore Park's "Senior Scenes" program also performed a special dance routine to music by Stevie Wonder that proved to be a crowd favorite!

The highlight of the evening was special guest Booker T. Washington Senior High School Dance Ensemble's performance of a ballet solo and an African dance! The Dance Ensemble is highly regarded by the community and gave the audience an opportunity to experience an authentic cultural performance.

"These cultural events at North Shore Park are not only fun and free for the community, they also teach our children about different cultures, and help them understand the myriad of different nationalities residing in our South Florida community," said Recreation Supervisor William Priegues.

For more information on the Parks & Recreation Department Programs, please call at (305)861-3616.

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